



Hannah Wang
University of California, San Diego
Class of 2012

“The hands-on experience, there’s nothing that compares to it. You’re motivated by this drive to learn, and this was one of the first times I’ve experienced that.”



Jillian Walton
College of William and Mary (Williamsburg, VA)
Class of 2011

“In other labs, you have your protocol, you know the intended result, and you know that if you didn’t get that certain color or that certain separation, you screwed up. There is really no room for independent thought. Research opens your mind to what a question can lead to.”



Anne Georges
Hope College (Holland, MI)
Class of 2012

“I’d go into my professor’s office and say, ‘This is happening, and I don’t know why,’ and he’d say, ‘Well, I really don’t either. What do you think?’ And we all just had to problem solve together.”



Trevor Sughrue
University of California, Santa Cruz
Class of 2012

“This was probably the only class where I knew my professors on a first-name basis. It’s more like an old-fashioned master-to-apprentice sort of idea, instead of having a set curriculum where you just go through the motions.”



Suchita Rastogi
Washington University in St. Louis
Class of 2012

“The fact that I was able to come up with something meaningful in the second semester made me think that maybe I could take on bioinformatics. It’s nice to be able to do something in class and call it real—and have it matter.”